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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ASAD'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S SYRIAN INDE-

PENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

**REF: STATE 085885** 

EMBASSY RECEIVED APRIL 28 FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ASAD ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"WITH GREAT PLEASURE I RECEIVED YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC.

"I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF THE SYRIAN ARAB PEOPLE AND ON MY OWN BEHALF OUR WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND FOR THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

"I AM GLAD TO NOTE THAT THE UNITED STATES UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP PLEDGES TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH SYRIA IN PURSUIT OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH IS OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE.

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SINCERELY, HAFEZ AL-ASAD."

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